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AFTER THE FIRES ... PLANTING TREES

Over 22,000 pinion pine seedlings were planted recently on public lands in the Pony Creek drainage located 30 miles south of Carlin, Nevada.

“In 1999, the Sadler Fire Complex burned approximately 199,000 acres,” said BLM Elko Field Office Forester Dave Hutton. “The purpose of our planting project this year was to re-establish the pinion pine tree stands that burned in the Sadler Fire. From 2001 to 2005, about 70,000 pinion pine seedlings were planted in areas burned by the fire and not all the seedlings survived. This year’s work was to replace those that haven’t grown.”

“Pinion pine trees can be very difficult to establish. This year, our contractor G. E. Forestry, Inc. from Oregon planted seedlings that are two years old and about 10 to 12 inches tall. Each seedling was planted inside a biodegradable ‘Tree Pee’ tube and surrounded by protective paper mulch,” Hutton continued.

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